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SUBJECT: UNSYG PRESS SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS ON VIETNAM

UNSYG PRESS SPOKESMAN (POWELL) OPENED DAILY PRESS BRIEFING MAR 31 BY SAYING THAT "OVER THE WEEKEND, THERE HAVE BEEN CONTINUAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE SYG, UNICEF, AND THE OFFICE OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES WITH REGARD TO HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THESE ORGANIZATIONS ALREADY HAVE PROGRAMS IN EXISTENCE ON BOTH SIDES AND ARE INTENSIFYING THEIR MATERIAL ASSISTANCE, WITHIN THE MEANS AVAILABLE TO THEM."

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, POWELL SAID SYG HAD RECEIVED REQUEST FROM SOUTH VIETNAM ASKING HIM TO APPEAL TO ALL MEMBER STATES AND HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS FOR HELP WITH REFUGEE PROBLEM AND SUGGESTING THAT HE SEEK COOPERATION FROM ALL CONCERNED PARTIES TO ALLOW THE REFUGEES TO LEAVE COMBAT AREAS IN SAFETY. POWELL SAID THE REQUEST IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY SYG.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS, POWELL WAS GENERALLY EVASIVE, BUT DID REVEAL THE FOLLOWING:

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1) UNICEF AND UNHCR ARE SEEKING TO ENLARGE THEIR AVAILABLE MEANS (I.E. THEY ARE GETTING IN CONTACT WITH POTENTIAL DONORS.)

2) THESE ORGANIZATIONS ALREADY HAVE PROGRAMS IN VIETNAM AND THEREFORE THEY ARE IN CONTACT WITH ALL PARTIES THERE.

3) THERE HAVE BEEN CONTACTS WITH THE PRG GENEVA LIAISON OFFICE BY UNHCR.

4) THE SYG HAS NOT DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF A LOCALIZED CEASEFIRE WITH ANYONE.

5) SYG RETURNING TO HIS OFFICE EARLY AFTERNOON. AS YET NO APPOINTMENTS ARRANGED.
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